

Subject: Possible 1804 dollar

Carpenter, W., Mrs.
[Derby, CT]

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American Numismatic Society.

Dear Sirs.

I think I have a silver dollar 1804 which would be 130 yrs old, it has a picture of George Washington on and is worn quite smooth I am positive of the first 3 numbers 180 but the last is not very plain a man in the bank insists it is 1804 - we think so but are not ^{sure}
What do you think ^{would}

or should be done to
verify this.

Please advise

W. Carpenter.

230 Lerly Ave

Lerly.

Conn.

November 27, 1934

Mr. W. Carpenter
230 Derby Ave.
Derby, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The probabilities are that you have not a dollar of 1804, as the dollar of 1804 did not have anyman's portrait on it, but the head of a woman with flowing hair tied with a large ribbon on the back. If the date is 1804 you probably have a Spanish coin of Charles IV or a dollar struck by the Bank of England. In either case you have nothing of any value.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Mr. Horland Wood.

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your reply to
Mr. Carpenter regarding the coin
which he inquired about, Mr.
Carpenter said it had George
Washingtons picture on, his eye
right is not very good, this
coin has the head of a woman
with flowing hair tied with a
large ribbon on the back and
it is an American silver ^{dollar}
as it has been in our family

handed down for over a ^{hundred}
years and the date is 1804,
but it is worn pretty well.
How ever I have it positively
decided what it is?

Thanking you in advance
I remain

Mrs. W. Carpenter

230 Lerby Ave.

Lerby. Conn.

December 6, 1934.

Mrs. W. Carpenter
230 Derby Ave.
Derby, Conn.

Dear Madam:

If you have a genuine 1804 dollar you have a rarity. Its price, however, would be wholly governed according to its condition. However, counterfeits and altered dates abound so that one could tell nothing about your piece without seeing it. If you care to send it to this museum we would be glad to examine it and let you know what we think of it.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

230 Herby Ave. Herby, Conn.
Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of
Dec, 6th, Mr. Carpenter would be ^{very}
glad to have you examine the
1804 silver dollar but would prefer
that I bring it there instead of
sending it, so I am writing to
inquire if the museum is open
on Sunday or would there be
any one connected with the
museum that I could show
it to, as that would be the
best day for me, he is so
positive it is a genuine ^{American}
dollar as they have had it
in their family over 70 years.
Thanking you again and

awaiting your reply

I remain

sincerely

Mrs. W. Carpenter.

December 19, 1934.

Mrs. W. Carpenter
230 Derby Avenue
Derby, Conn.

Dear Madam:

I am sorry to say that our museum is closed on Sundays. We are, however, open on all of the week days from 9 A. M. to 4.30 P. M. Possibly sometime you could bring your piece up here some weekday.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator